



Parking Permit Program

Fishing

24 HOUR EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

**Jamaica Bay Unit & Staten Island Unit – New York
United States Park Police
(718) 338-3988 or (718) 338-3989
Sandy Hook Unit – New Jersey
Park Ranger Dispatch
(732)-872-5900**

Introduction

Welcome to Gateway National Recreation Area, one of America's first urban national parks. For over 30 years Gateway has brought the National Park Service experience to the residents and visitors of New York and New Jersey. Gateway encompasses over 26,000 acres of shoreline, dunes, maritime uplands, tidal marsh, bay waters and freshwater ponds. The park offers diverse resource-based visitor opportunities including: special events, educational programs about our historical and natural resources and other recreational opportunities.

A fee is collected for each fishing parking permit issued. This fee is used to offset the costs incurred to administer the permitting program.

An administrative fee of \$50.00 is charged for each parking permit issued. The permit is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued. No refunds will be issued.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, at his/her discretion may close any area of the park for the purposes of visitor safety and/or resource protection [36CFR1.5].

All fishing permits expire January 31.

Gateway National Recreation Area Parking Program Conditions

- ☐ Fishing parking permits utilized at Sandy Hook Unit authorize access during the following times:
 - April 1 to October 31 10:00 PM until 5:00 AM
 - November 1 to March 31 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM

Fishing is prohibited at all life guarded beaches.

- ☐ Fishing parking permits are to be permanently affixed to the rear bumper, passenger side of the registered vehicle except for vehicles whose permits were purchased at the Sandy Hook Unit. Vehicles registered at Sandy Hook must place their permit decal on the front bumper, driver's side. **(Affixing the permit to the vehicle by magnet, tape or inside window is prohibited.)**
- ☐ Parking in all fishermen parking lots (except Sandy Hook Unit) is **HEAD-IN PARKING ONLY** so the permit is visible to patrol rangers and law enforcement.
- ☐ Permit is not valid at National Park sites other than the ones listed in this booklet.
- ☐ Replacement permits will be issued under the following conditions:
 - Stolen – A copy of the police report must be provided to the issuing unit.
 - Damaged- If the permit is damaged as a result of an accident, remove as much of the permit as possible and return it to the issuing unit.
 - New vehicle. If you replace the vehicle, the permit sticker must be removed from the old vehicle and returned to the issuing unit.
- ☐ The fishing parking permit is valid only within the designated areas listed on fishing area maps and permit holders must adhere to the parking regulations and all applicable laws and regulations within each park unit at Gateway National Recreation Area.
- ☐ Be sure to obtain the latest NYSDEC/NJSDEP Marine Recreation Fishing Laws and Regulations. Keeping short fish and/or taking over the limits identified by the state will result in fines and/or loss of the fishing parking permit for fishing. Please notify any Law Enforcement Ranger or United States Park Police Officer of any violators.

Supplemental information for Off-Road Vehicle Program (ORV) for Fishing

- ☐ Off road permits are obtained at the Ryan Visitor Center on Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn, New York. For more information about the Off-Road permit, please call (718) 338-3799.
- ☐ The off-road parking permit for fishing allows vehicles to park and/or drive in all designated fishing parking areas and at the Breezy Point Tip.
- ☐ The Sand Access Road at Beach 222nd Street is the only point of entrance and exit to and from the Breezy Point Tip. At times the sand road may be closed due to inclement weather and flooding, or at the discretion of the superintendent. Please call 718-338-3799 for the latest update.

Prior to the issuance of a Fishing Parking Permit, the following requirements must be met:

- _____ 1. Fee must be paid; check or money order is preferred but cash is an accepted form of payment. Credit cards are accepted at some locations.
- _____ 2. All vehicles must have a valid state registration.
- _____ 3. The operator must present a 7-foot, (minimum size), fishing pole, reel and tackle at the time of permit registration.
- _____ 4. The operator **must** present the following equipment at the time of permit registration and carry each item at all times when driving off road at the Breezy Point Tip.
 - ☐ 7-foot (minimum size) fishing pole
 - ☐ Reel and tackle
 - ☐ Shovel
 - ☐ Tow chain or rope
 - ☐ Jack
 - ☐ Jack support board
 - ☐ Tire pressure gauge
 - ☐ Appropriate spare tire
 - ☐ Trash container (Trash Bag)
 - ☐ Portable toilet

Off Road Permits are only available at the Floyd Bennett Field Ryan Visitor Center.

RULES AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

1. Parking permit is valid only in designated areas and for the purpose of fishing only, unless otherwise authorized by the Superintendent [36 CFR 2.23; 7.29(a)].
2. This parking permit is not transferable to another vehicle. **Parking is provided on a space available basis, and at the discretion of the superintendent. Parking space is not guaranteed.**
3. At least 50% of the persons over 12 years of age in each vehicle must have appropriate fishing equipment (i.e. 7-foot fishing pole with reel and bait/tackle) and be actively engaged in fishing. Actively engaged in fishing includes, but is not limited to: traveling to and from a fishing location, the setting up and taking down of equipment and short breaks for coffee, food, sanitary facilities, etc.
4. Any person caught engaging in an activity other than the intended use of the fishing parking permit will have their permit revoked immediately. A summons may also be issued for violating the terms and conditions of the permit. [36 CFR 1.6 (g) (2)].
5. If your permit is revoked, the permit fee will not be refunded and your privileges to obtain a new permit or a permit for the following year may be revoked or suspended. The permit will be removed or marked as revoked.

6. The permittee shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the superintendent and shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local regulations.
7. Swimming on unprotected beaches, camping, sleeping in vehicles, fireworks and littering are prohibited. [36 CFR 1.5]
8. Because of the endangered species management program at the Breezy Point Tip and Sandy Hook Unit, the following activities are prohibited along the shorelines and beach front areas adjacent to the marked nesting sites between March 15 – August 31:
 - Motorized vehicles
 - Jogging
 - Ball playing/ flying disk (i.e. “Frisbee®”) playing
 - Pets (even if leashed)
 - Fires/open flame (at all times)
 - Barbecues, fireworks (at all times)
 - Beaching of boats and personal watercraft (i.e “JetSkis®”) (at all times)
 - Kite flying
 - Picnicking
9. Stay on designated roads. [36 CFR 4.10 (a), (b)].
10. Fires are prohibited on all beaches. Barbecues are permitted in designated areas only [36 CFR 2.13 (a) (1)].
11. PLEASE NOTE: There are NO PETS on the following beaches during specified months, or at the discretion of the superintendent 16USC35§1531(c) (1); 36CFR2.15, 36 CFR 1.5].
 - March 15 through September 15.
 - All Breezy Point District Beaches
 - May 15 – September 15
 - Great Kills (guarded beaches)
 - March 15 through Labor Day
 - At Sandy Hook ocean beaches
12. On the beaches and other park areas where pets are permitted, or during the time periods when they are allowed on the beaches, they MUST be leashed at all times (6 foot long leash maximum) and their waste picked up and removed [36 CFR 2.10(10) (a); 2.14 (a) (1) (b); 2.15(a)(1) (3); and 3.21 (a) (1) (2) (3)]
13. Sandy Hook Unit parking fees: when fishing during daylight hours, a user fee may apply between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day (see Sandy Hook section).
14. All fishing is prohibited on life-guarded swimming beaches [36 CFR 2.3(a)]. These areas include:
 - Riis Park Beach (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
 - Great Kills Park Beach
 - Sandy Hook Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison Beach) and I & J (North Beach)
15. Several species of threatened and/or endangered ground nesting birds live on the beaches of the Breezy Point District and the Sandy Hook Unit from March through September each year. Entering posted areas is prohibited and enforceable by Federal Law [16USC35§ 1531(c) (1); 36 CFR 1.5 (a) (1) (2); 2.3(a) (1)].

16. Do not disturb, remove or destroy any plant, animal or other natural feature; it is an enforceable Federal Offense [36 CFR 2.1 (a) (1) (I); 2.2(a) (1) (2) (3)].
17. Do not enter, climb, or fish near any military or historic structures within the park at (but not limited to) Fort Wadsworth, Fort Hancock, and Fort Tilden. [16 USC 433; 36 CFR 2.1 (a) (5); 43 CFR Part 3].
18. National Park Service maintains the authority to revoke the fishing parking permit, and the permit holder may be subject to fines and/or arrest if the condition(s) of the permit or any of the rules and regulations herein are violated.
19. The use of commercial vehicles is prohibited for parking in fishing areas and is therefore not eligible for this permit. Commercial vehicles are not permitted in the park unless they are engaged in work within the park or they travel on the only road connecting towns, cities, counties etc. [36 CFR 5.6]

Jamaica Bay Unit

Ryan Visitor Center, Floyd Bennett Field (718) 338-3799

Hours of Operation: Daily 9:00am – 4:00pm

Fort Tilden and Breezy Point fishing areas:

- West Beach
- Fort Tilden Beach
- Breezy Point Tip/Bayside Tip
- Fort Tilden Bayside by the Yacht Club
- Jacob Riis Park :
8:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day
All times from the Tuesday following Labor Day through the Friday before Memorial Day.

From June 15 through September 15, a permit is required 24 hours a day at the fisherman's parking lot in Fort Tilden.

From September 16 through June 14, a permit is required from dusk to dawn, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

This permit is NOT VALID to park at T-149, T-4, T-25 and the Chapel parking lots.

Jetty Safety Message

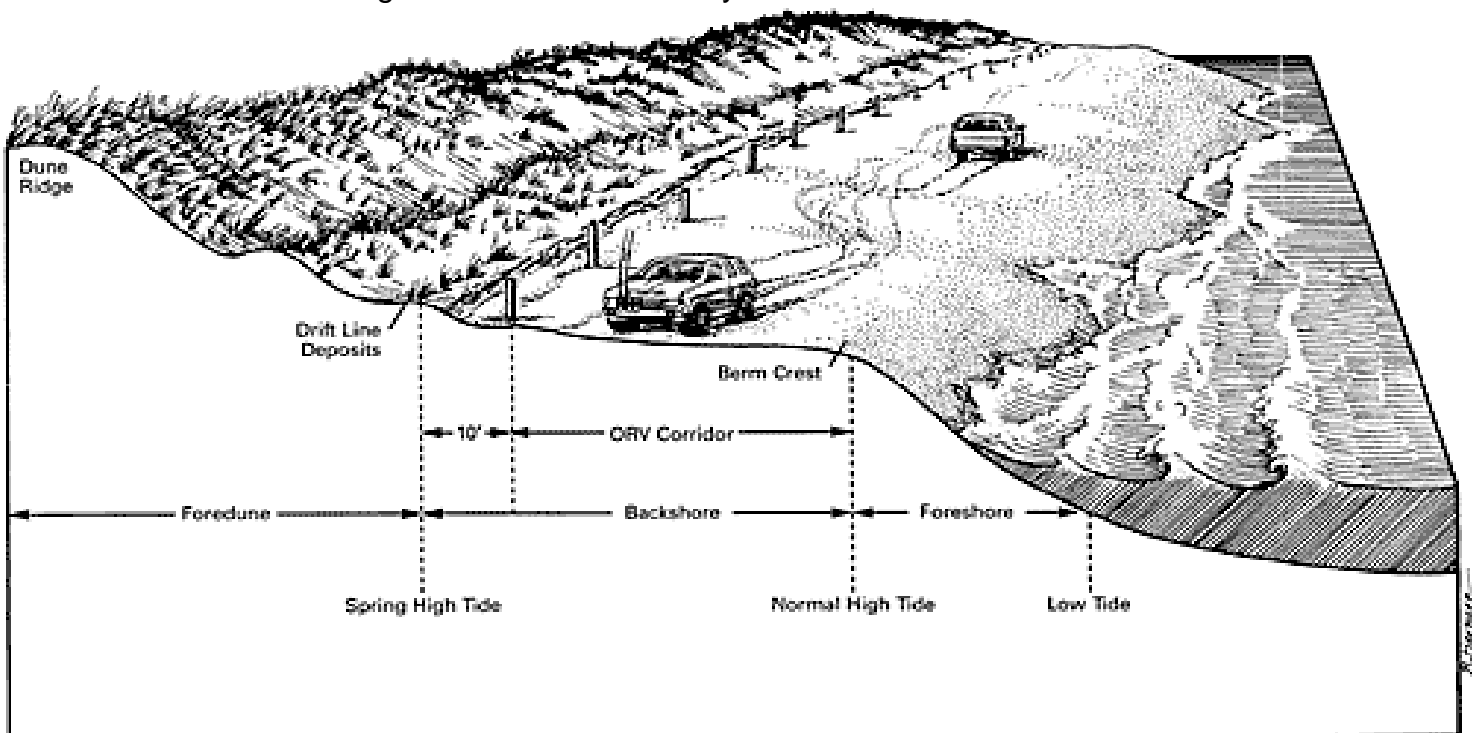
When walking the Breezy Point Jetty, we urge you to exercise extreme caution. The jetty is one of the most popular fishing sites in the region; however it can be very challenging to walk upon. People have been seriously injured or have died at this location, including those with experience fishing here. High tides and storm surges can create hazardous conditions. The surface of the rocks is very slippery and uneven, creating a hazardous walking surface. In addition to wearing proper foot cleats, personal safety equipment, such as a helmet, knee and elbow pads, wrist guards, and particularly a personal floatation device (life vest), is recommended.

The Breezy Point Tip in Rockaway, Queens, is the only site within Gateway NRA park boundaries that offers off-road driving. The Breezy Point Tip is less than one mile of shoreline and therefore only allows room for a limited number of vehicles at any given time. To protect the natural resources, a limited number of permits are issued annually. Permits will be issued on a first come first serve basis. Once permits are sold out, there will be no substitute permit issued for this area. The park may limit the amount of vehicles permitted in the area at one time, regardless of possession of a permit.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, at their discretion, may close any area of the park for the purposes of visitor safety and resource protection [36 CFR 1.5].

Beach Terminology Diagram For driving the Breezy Point tip

Please drive within the designated ORV corridor only.



Designated Fishing Parking Areas at Fort Tilden and Breezy Point District

Designated Parking Areas	Permit Required Dusk to Dawn Sept. 16 – June 14	Permit Required June 15 – September 15 at all times	Closed June 15 – September 15	Parking Permit Required 4 pm – 9 am June 15 - September 15 All other times Permit NOT Valid	Permit Required March 15 – Sept 1 at all times Permit required dusk to dawn Sept 1 – March 14
Shore Road Parking Lot	●	●			
Shore Road	●		●	Parking permitted on north side of shore road with permit from dusk to dawn.	
T-4 Parking Lot	●		●		
Adapted Aquatic	●			●	
222 nd Street Parking Lot					●
Yacht Club	●	●			
East Lot	Permit Required Memorial Day to Labor Day 8pm – 8am. Parking prohibited from 8am-8pm. Permit required from dusk to dawn Labor Day to Memorial Day.				
Maintenance yard	Permit required at all times				

Floyd Bennett Field Fishing Areas

Permit required dusk to dawn at the following locations:

1. Seaplane Ramp
2. Ranger Station Parking Lot
3. Raptor Point

Permit required at all times:

1. Mill Basin (Model Flying Field)
2. Aviation Road

Staten Island Unit

World War Veterans Park at Miller Field (718) 351-6970

Permit required dusk to dawn; year round. Fishing permitted on Sandy Beach only.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits can be obtained at the Miller Field Ranger Station

Wednesday through Sunday

Summer Months 9:00am – 5:30pm

Winter Months 9:00am – 4:30pm

Great Kills (718) 987-6790

Parking permit is required dusk to dawn, year-round at Lots A,E,F,G and Harbor Road.

Parking permit is required at all times, year-round at Crooke's Point.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits can be obtained at the Great Kills Park Ranger Station

Summer Months: Friday – Tuesday, 9:00am – 5:30pm

Winter Months: Sunday – Thursday, 9:00am – 4:30pm

Fort Wadsworth (718) 354-4500

Parking permit required dusk to dawn; year round. Fishing is permitted on the Sandy Beach only. Fishing is prohibited under the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits are not issued at Fort Wadsworth but may be obtained at any other Ranger Station.

Sandy Hook Unit

Ranger Station (732) 872-5900

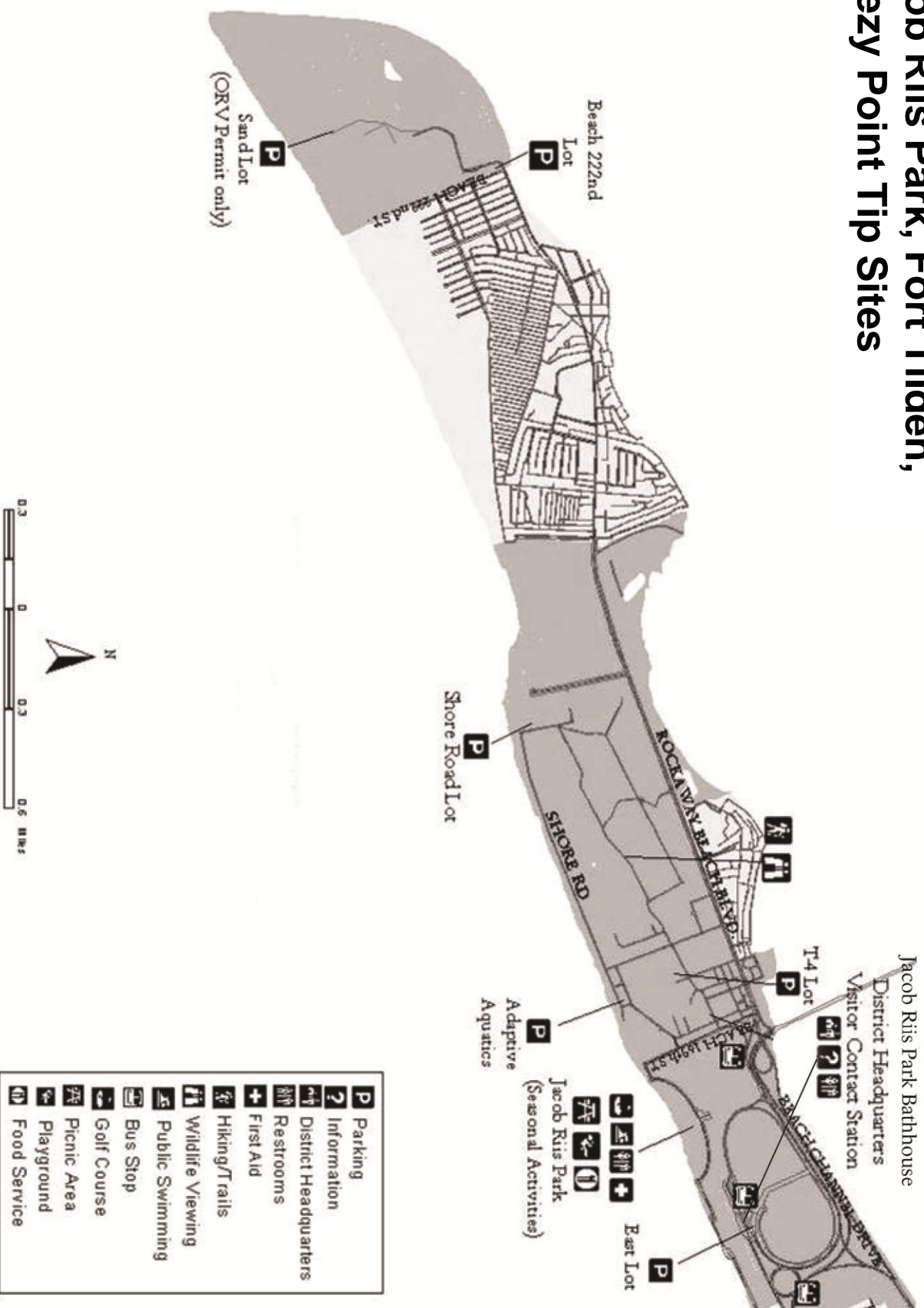
- Parking permit required from during the following times:
 - April 1 to October 31 10:00 PM until 5:00 AM
 - November 1 to March 31 8:00 PM until 5:00 AM
- From the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day, the fishing permit is **NOT** valid during fee collection hours.
- Parking lots B, C and L are available for Bayside Fishing.
- The intertidal zone is closed to all activities in front of nesting areas from Memorial Day through mid August.
- Prior to the fee plaza opening (between sunrise and 7:00 a.m.) a FREE daily beach pass can be obtained at the Ranger Station for the purpose of fishing.
- If your primary fishing unit is at Sandy Hook, the permit decal must be placed on the front bumper driver side. Please back your vehicle into parking spaces to make the permit visible to patrol rangers.

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Permits can be obtained using check or money order at the Ranger Station 24 hours a day.

Cash transactions can be handled at the Visitor Center between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All checks must have a social security number or tax identification number written on the check.

Breezy Point District Jacob Riis Park, Fort Tilden, Breezy Point Tip Sites



FORT TILDEN

AREAS OF INTEREST (noted by letters)

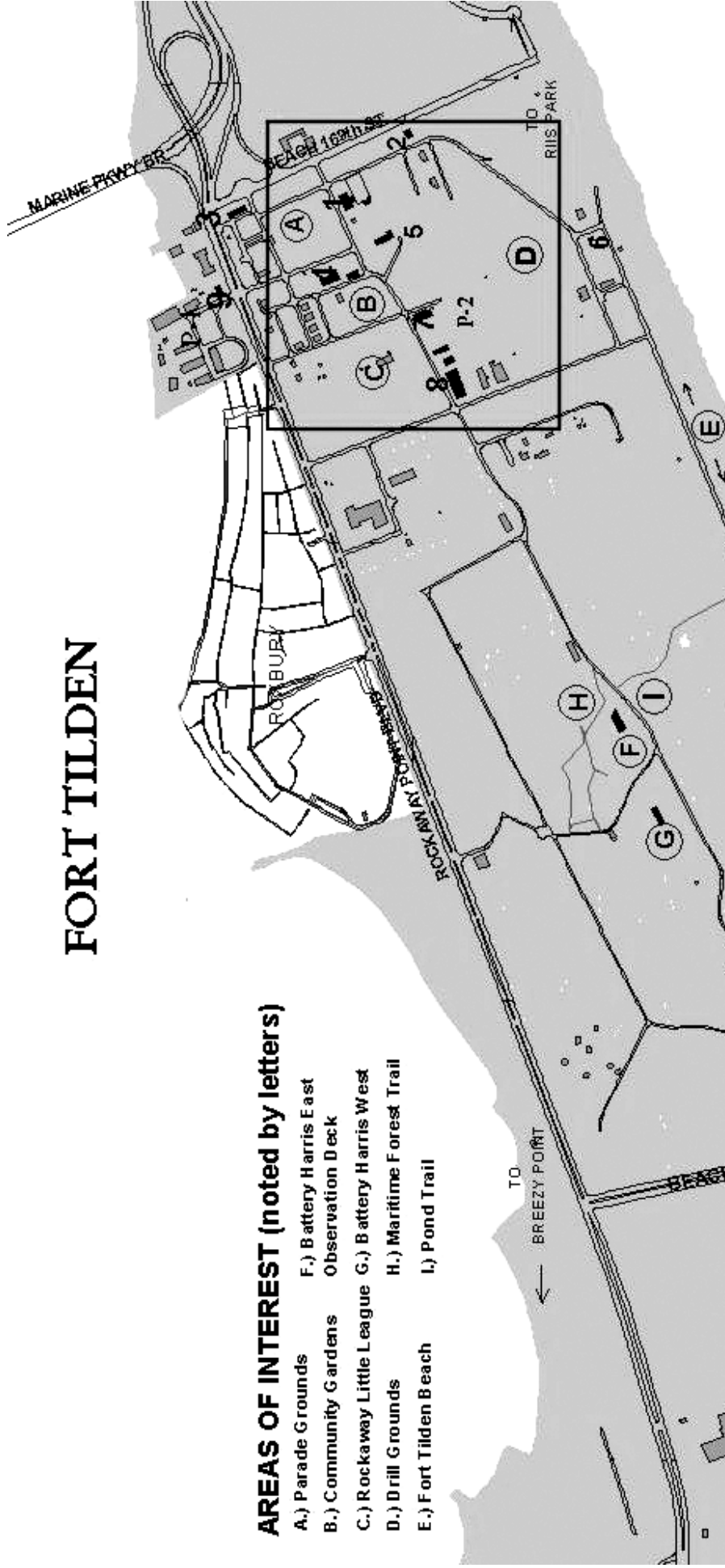
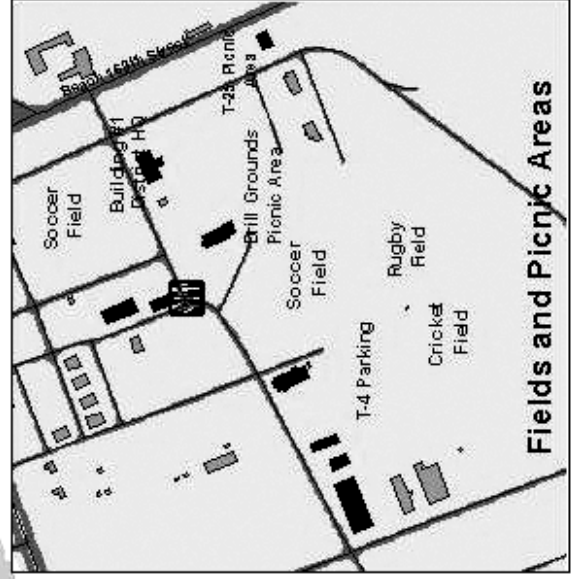
- A.) Parade Grounds
- B.) Community Gardens
- C.) Rockaway Little League
- D.) Drill Grounds
- E.) Fort Tilden Beach
- F.) Battery Harris East Observation Deck
- G.) Battery Harris West
- H.) Maritime Forest Trail
- I.) Pond Trail

PARKING AREAS

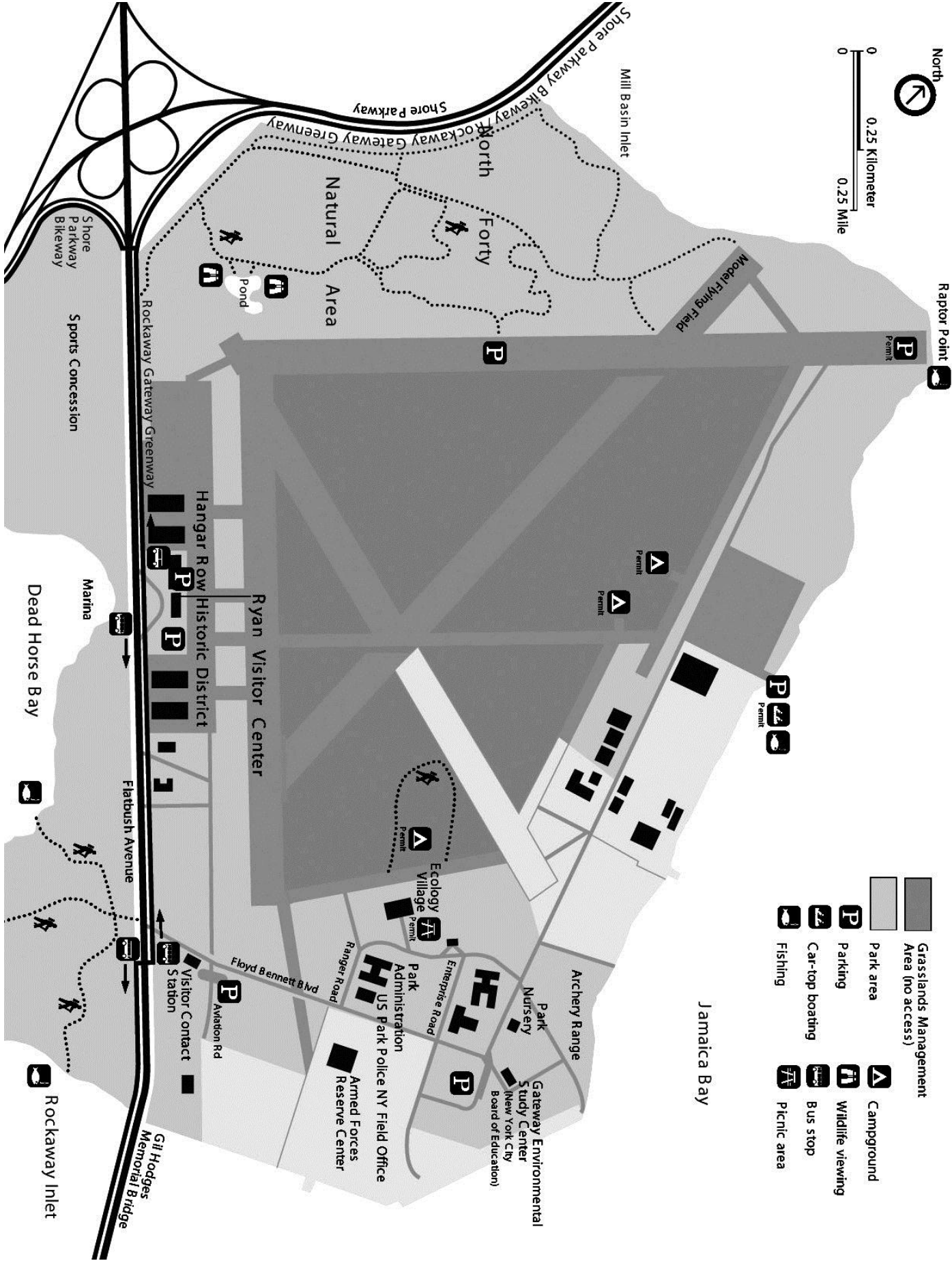
- P-1 Riis Landing
- P-2 T-4 Parking
- P-3 Shore Rd. Parking

BUILDINGS (noted by numbers)

- 1) Building #1 District HQ and Visitor Contact Station
- 2) Building T-25
- 3) US Post Office
- 4) Building T-149
- 5) Chapel
- 6) Adaptive Aquatics
- 7) Building T-4, Theater Rockaway Theatre Company
- 8) Buildings T-6 and T-7 Rockaway Artist Alliance Complex
- 9) Riis Landing



Floyd Bennett Field

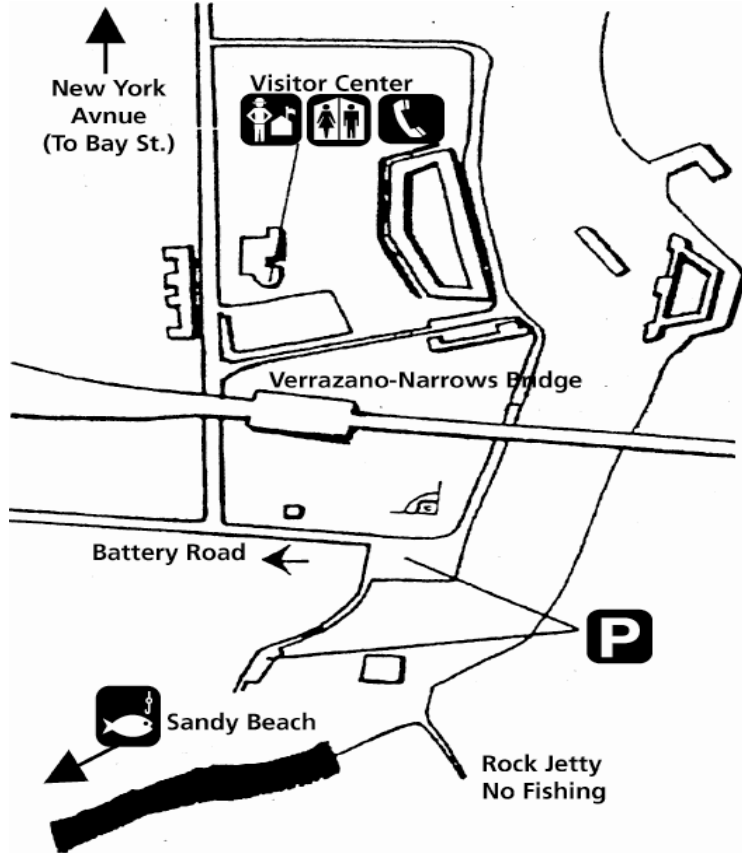


Staten Island Unit:

Fort Wadsworth, World War Veterans Park at Miller Field, and Great Kills

Boat Launch, Fishing, and Nature Study Areas

All Visitors must observe New York State or bottom fishing restrictions.



Fort Wadsworth

Fishing is permitted on the sandy beach south of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge only.

Fishing on the rock jetties and historic structures is prohibited.

Parking in lots near the fishing area between dusk and dawn requires a parking permit.

Parking permits are available at the Fort Wadsworth Visitor Center: Wednesdays through Sundays, 10 AM to 5 PM. For more information call (718) 354-4500.

Miller Field

Fishing is permitted on the sandy beach only.

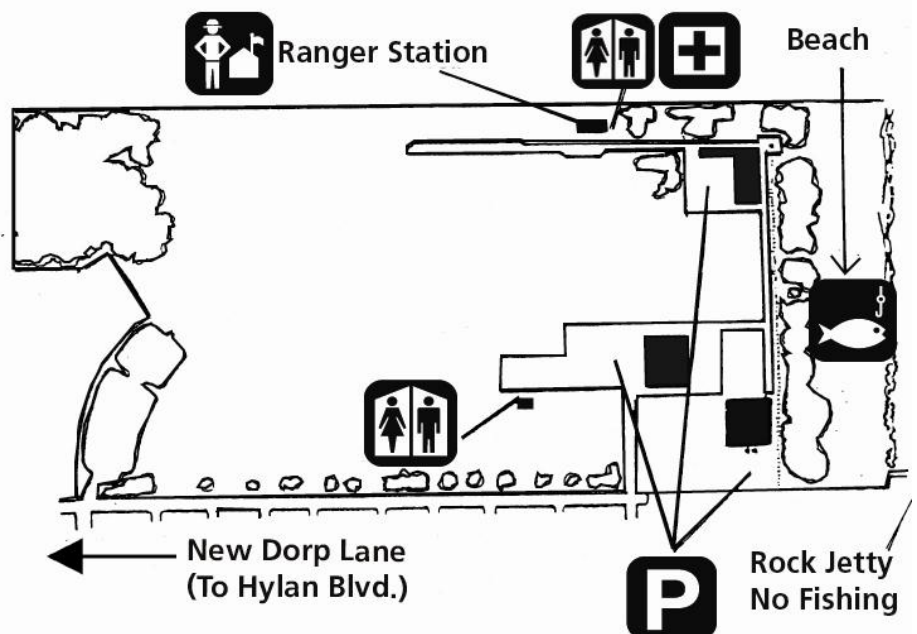
Fishing on the rock jetty is prohibited.

Parking in lots near fishing areas between dusk and dawn requires a fishing parking permit.

Parking permits are available at the Miller Field Ranger Station:

Wed - Sun, 9 AM to 4:30 PM.

Call (718) 351-6970 for more information.



Great Kills Park

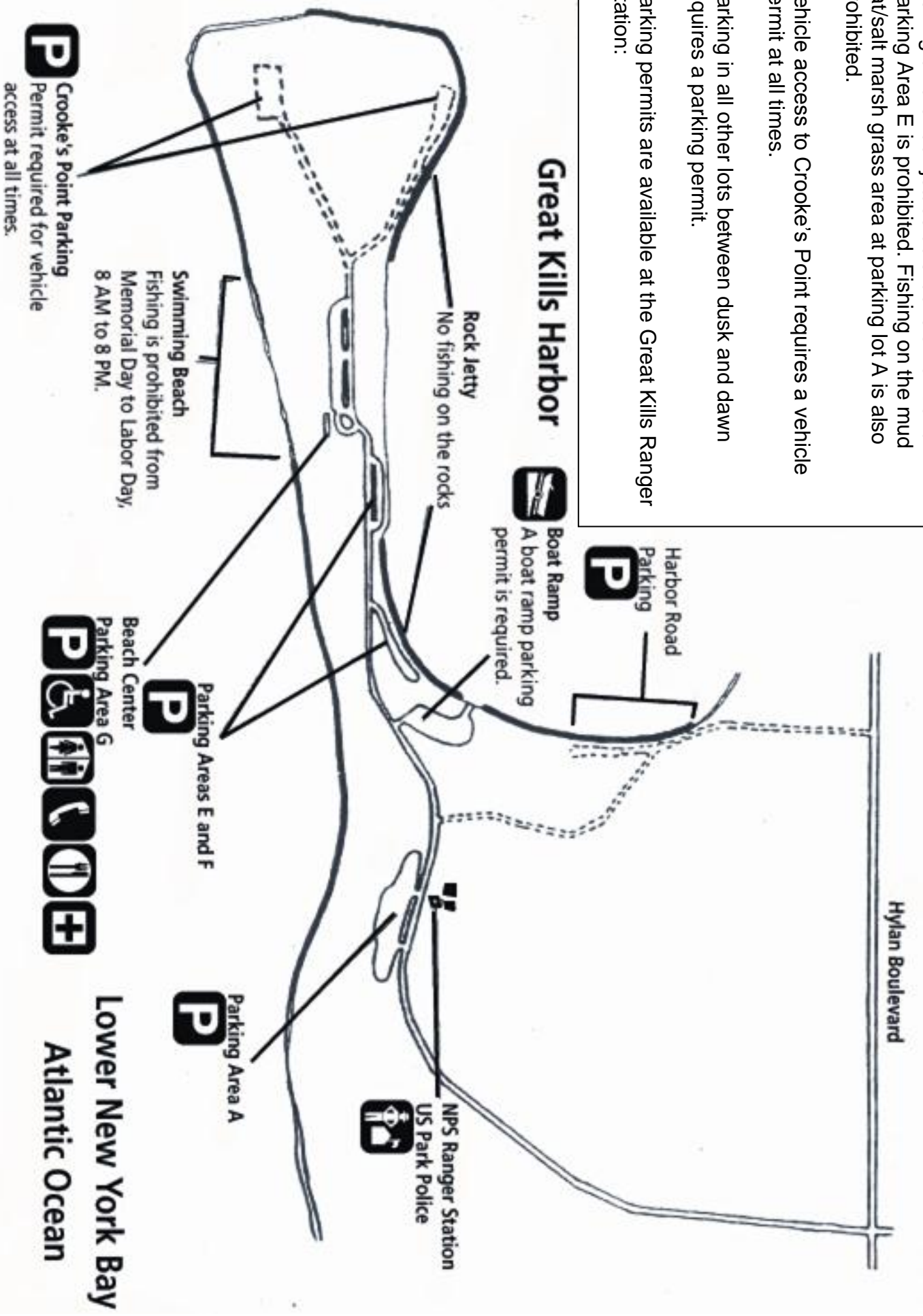
Fishing is permitted on the sandy beaches only.

Fishing on the rock jetties at Crooke's Point and Parking Area E is prohibited. Fishing on the mud flat/salt marsh grass area at parking lot A is also prohibited.

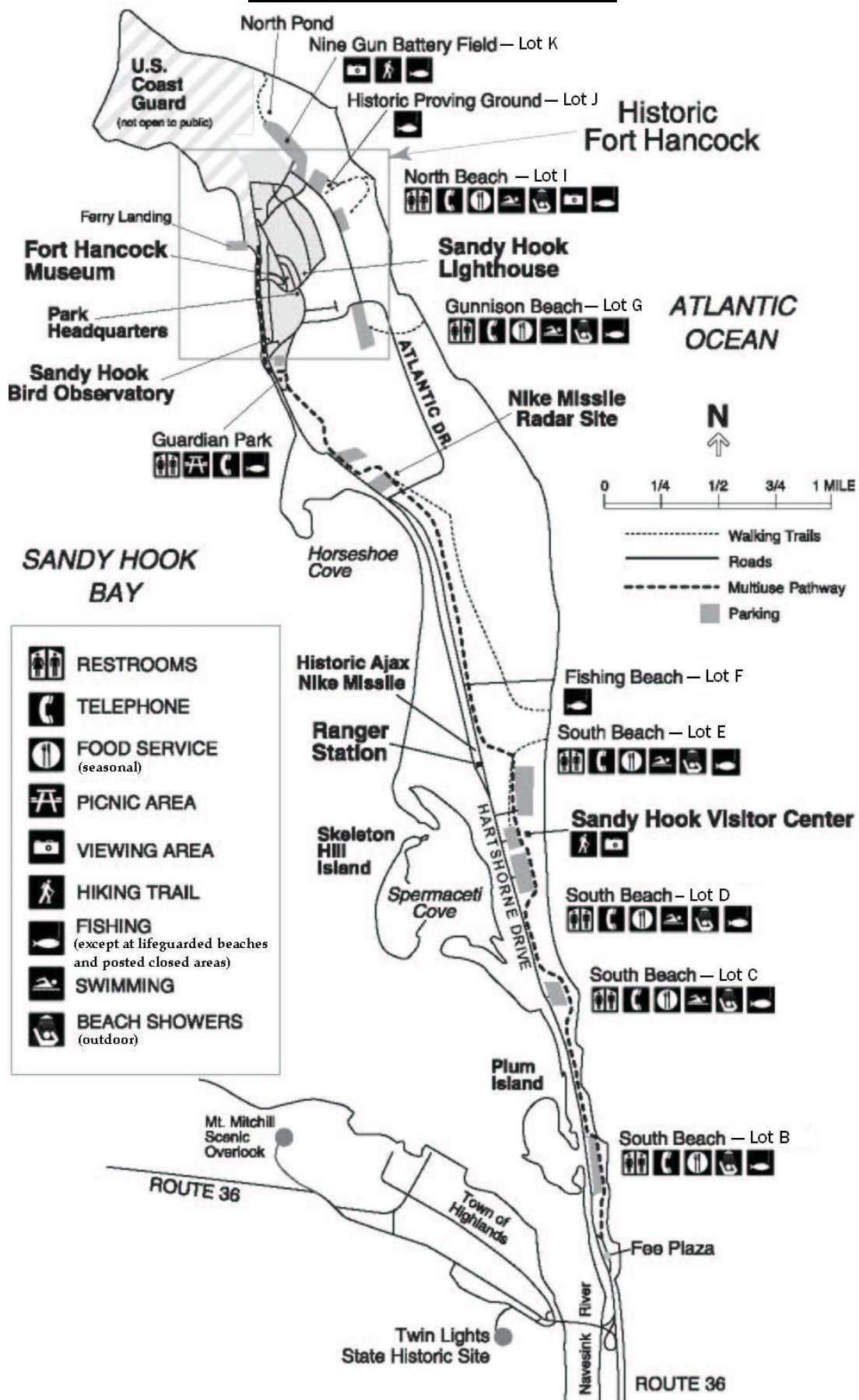
Vehicle access to Crooke's Point requires a vehicle permit at all times.

Parking in all other lots between dusk and dawn requires a parking permit.

Parking permits are available at the Great Kills Ranger Station:



Sandy Hook Unit



Help keep your National Park Clean!
CARRY IT IN – CARRY IT OUT

Gateway National Recreation Area is committed to protecting natural and cultural resources. Please help us to protect our shoreline, wildlife, and beaches.



MONOFILAMENT RECYCLING

Please join us by recycling your used fishing line. You can find collection receptacles, such as the one pictured at right, at many of the designated parking areas and more information at the Gateway Visitor Contact Stations.

With your help we hope to expand our public recycling program and keep our parks clean and safe for people and wildlife.



For More Information

The National Park Service is currently in the process of creating a new “General Management Plan” for Gateway NRA that will broadly guide the management of the park for the next decades. You can participate in this process by commenting on documents when they become available by visiting the NPS “Planning, Environment & Public Comment” (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please be sure to view the latest copy of our program guide on the web at www.nps.gov/gate. You can also visit the National Park Service Website at www.nps.gov.

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cares for special places saved by
the American people so that all may
experience our heritage.**

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